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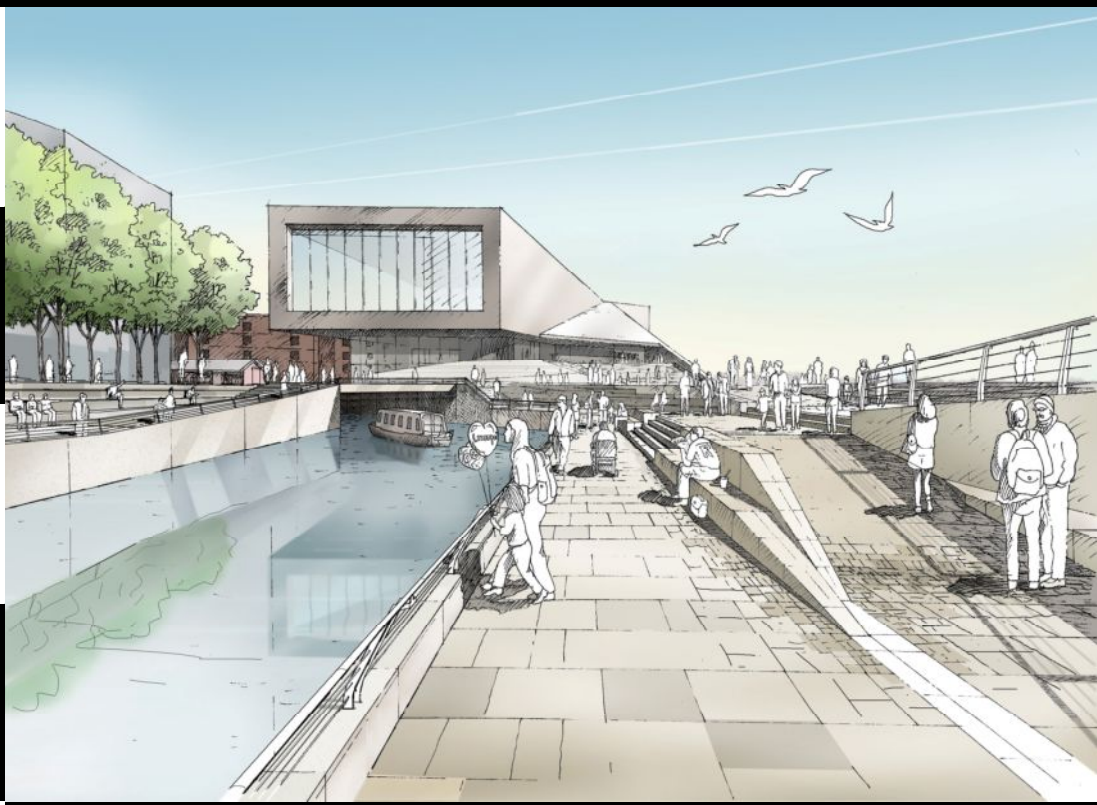
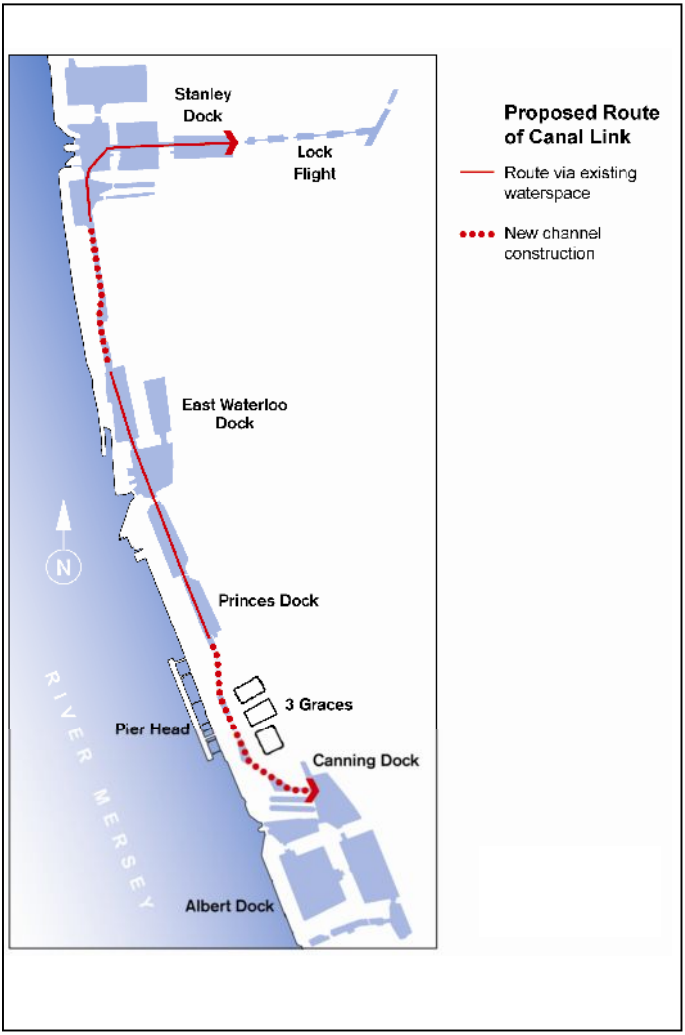
# LIVERPOOL CANAL LINK



# WHAT IS THE LIVERPOOL CANAL LINK




The Liverpool Canal Link is a £17m scheme to extend the Leeds and Liverpool Canal (terminus near the Eldonian Village), down the lock flight to Stanley Dock, through the disused Central Docks, across the Pier Head in front of the Three Graces, and into the South Docks. At the moment the 127 mile long canal ends opposite the Tobacco Warehouse at Stanley Dock and its construction will provide a further 1.4 miles of navigable waterway.

The Canal Link will include the construction of two new locks, two new bridges, and three tunnels. The development will provide access to the waters edge and utilise space for the public to enjoy. It will create a vibrant waterspace to enhance the relationship between the canal and surrounding public areas.

British Waterways has secured £8.275million funding from the Northwest Regional Development Agency and a further £7.5million of funding from the Merseyside Objective One programme (European Regional Development Fund). British Waterways are also contributing £210,000 to the project.

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# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

The Liverpool Canal Link project supports the continuing regeneration aims of partner organisations for the Liverpool Waterfront and the Central Docks. It will bring a wide-range of benefits to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal corridor and the wider Merseyside area that are identified in the economic appraisal of the project. These benefits include:

- An estimated 200,000 extra visitors annually to the Liverpool Waterfront spending a possible extra £1.9million each year.
- Over 4,500 boat movements each year including visiting private boats, holiday hire boats, trip boats, and restaurant boats.
- An estimated £2.2million in expenditure annually on boating related activities.
- 187 person years of temporary construction-related employment.
- 173 net additional local jobs.
- An estimated £3.3million per annum in net additional gross value added;
- An increase in likely property prices in the immediate canal link area and wider corridor.
- Inspire regeneration and new development of land along the Leeds and Liverpool canal corridor.

Wider socio-economic impacts of the Link will include an improved city image, added interest to the Mersey River Festival, increased heritage access and interpretation benefits, social and community benefits and give increased recreation and amenity resources for the area.

The Liverpool Canal Link will allow navigation for canal craft throughout the Liverpool Waterfront. The presence of activity will add a vibrancy to the area that is hard to quantify. The Link will grace the Waterfront for the benefit of all.

## WHAT IS THE PROGRESS SO FAR

- Extensive consultation has taken place to ensure the Liverpool Canal Link is integral with all other proposed developments along the waterfront.
- Planning permission was granted by Liverpool City Council on 12 April 2005.
- Funding was secured from the Northwest Regional Development Agency on 9 July 2005 and from the European Regional Development Fund on 25 August 2005.
- Archaeological site investigations have been conducted by Contractors along Pier Head in July 2006 (as shown above).
- As part of the Liverpool City Council Cruise Liner Facility construction of the Canal Link works have commenced (as shown above).
- Tenders for the Pier Head works were issued in June 2006 with a contractor award proposed for November 2006.
- Tenders for the Central Docks works will be issued by the end of 2006, with a contractor award proposed for early 2007.

British Waterways and its partners in Liverpool are looking forward to delivering this exciting project that will benefit both the city and the region in time for the 2008 Capital of Culture celebrations.

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